PRICE TWO CENTS.

Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia—Fair Thursday, Friday in-creasing cloudiness and snow or rain. Fresh westerly winds, becoming north-

easterly.

North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness
and rain Thursday, with warmer in costern portions. Friday probably rain; fresh
northeasterly winds.

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THE SCANDALS AT NEWPORT NEWS

Grand Jury Returns Indictments for Bribery.

SIX CHARGES MADE.

The Mayor and Two Councilmen Among the Number.

CONTRACTORS AND ATTORNEY.

The Mayor and Councilmen Ask for Immediate Trial That They May Prove Their Complete Innocence - The Alleged Bribes Are in Connection With Paving, Building, &c.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 6.-The grand jury to-day indicted Allan A. Moss, Mayor; J. H. Hughes and Mark Me-Laughlin, Councilmen; Samuel R. Regester, of Richmond, attorney for the Newport News Railway and Electric Company; Philip Marlow, agent for a paving company, and B. F. Smith, contractor, for bribery and corruption in connection with the awards of city contracts for street paving, bridge building and the construction of the city jail.

THE SPECIFIED CHARGES.

The grand jury held two sessions to-day The grand jury held two sessions to-day and at 12:45 o'clock made a partial report, indicting Mayor A. A. Moss for accepting a bribe; Councilman J. F. Hughes for accepting a bribe; Samuel Regester, of Hichmond, Va., counsel for the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, for offering a bribe; Councilman Mark McLaughlin for accepting a bribe. TWO MORE INDICTMENTS.

The grand jury at 6:20 o'clock this afternoon returned two more indictments, making six to date. One was against B. F. Smith, of Washington, D. C., bridge contractor, charged with offering a bribe of \$50 to former Councilman B. B. Corey for his vote on the jail contract October 7th, 1806.

Th. 1898.

The other is against Philip Marlow. carriage-maker, who, acting as agent for a vitrified brick company, is charged with offering Councilman Burcher, on April 1st, 1990, a bribe of \$1,090.

THE ALLEGED BRIBES.

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The indictments which were found this morning make the following specific charges: Mayor A. A. Moss, on October 7th, 1886, accepted \$300 from B. F. Smith, the jall contractor, for his influence in securing the jall contract. Councilman J. F. Hughes, on December 16th, 1898, accepted \$500 from Samuel R. Regester to influence his vote for the contract for the Twenty-fifth and Thirty-fourth-Street bridges over the Chesapeake and Ohio. Councilman Mark McLaughlin, on December 16th, accepted \$500 from Samuel Regester to influence his vote lin, on December 16th, accepted soon from Samuel Regester to influence his vote for the contract for the Twenty-fifth and Thirty-fourth-Street bridges. Samuel Regester, on November 20th, offered \$150 to R. E. Mountcastle to influence his vote for the contract for lighting streets and highways of the city.

DEGLARY INNOCENCE.

DECLARE INNOCENCE.

Mayor Moss and Councilmen Hughes nd McLaughlin presented themselves at the court-house immediately upon hearing of the indictments, but no formalities were gone through with. They will be morning, the charge being a misdemeanor, punishable, if proven, with a year in jail and a fine not exceeding one thousand ablice.

dollars.

It can be stated for these three that they ask for an early trial, promise to prove their complete innocence and will not avail themselves of the statute of United to

The other three have not been heard from. It is expected that at least half a dozen more indictments will be found to-morrow.

The action of the Newport News grand jury, so far as it relates to Mr. Regester. was a great surprise both to that gentle-man and to his friends. Mr. Regester was in North Carolina yesterday on other business. He was seen by a Times writer upon his return last night, but said he was tired from traveling and did not care to make any statement. He added that this whole matter was a fight between

two street railway companies.
"It is all spite work," said Mr. W. T.
Moss, brother of Mayor Moss, at the Jef-Moss, brother of Mayor Moss, at the Jefferson last night. "The grand jury has indicted my brother upon old charges. The statute of limitation would bar his being convicted. He will not plead it, however. He wants a full investigation. It has all been threshed over. He went before the people after the charges were made, and despite everything, was elected by the biggest majority he ever received. It is my opinion that these charges were brought against my brother in order to influence the Supreme Court in order to influence the Supreme Court in its decision in the case submitted on briefs yesterday, and which may be de-cided to-morrow. The idea!"

THE NAVAL BILL.

Senate Committee Amends the Measure in Some Respects,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs has concluded its consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The committee amends the bill so as to provide for the purchase of three Holland torpedo boats, instead of authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for four new vessels as provided contract for four new vessels as provided in the bill as it passed the House. He is required to furnish plans for four vessels the plans to be completed by the begin-ning of the first session of the next Con-

The committee declined to reconsider its former decision to remove the Port Royal Naval Station to Charleston, S. C.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Twenty Charred Bodies Found and Fifty Persons Terribly Burned. (By Associated Press.)

BAKU, RUSSIAN TRANS-CAUCASIA, Feb. 6-A fire broke out yesterday in the magazines of the Casplan and Black Sea Company, which contained 6,000,000 poods of company, which conflagration resulted in great loss of life and widespread damage. The fames spread to other depots, having a capacity of 12,000,000 poods of naphtha, which poured out like a stream of lava, inundating and setting fire to the dwell-

ings of the workmen, which were totally destroyed. Many persons perished. Twenty charred fifty people are terribly burned. Four hundred families lost everything they possessed. The magazines are still burnpossessed. The magazines are star out-ing and neighboring reservoirs are in great danger. A panic prevails. Eight naphtha springs, belonging to the Melikoff, Ralski and Caspian Companies, caught fire February 3d.

REV. DR. STEED DECLINES.

He Will Not Accept the Position as City Missionary. Rev. Frank Steed, of Crafton, Pa., has

declined the call recently extended him by the Episcopal Mission Board to become

city missionary.

Dr. Landon B. Mason received his letter yesterday, giving as his reason for the de-cision that he considered his best work could be done with his present charge, which is a newly founded church, in which

he is greatly interested.

The Board will probably extend another

REPORT APPROVED.

The Five New Battleships to Carry

The Five New Battleships to Carry Superimposed Turrets.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The Naval Board on Construction to-day began the consideration of the specifications for the three protected cruisers for which bids were opened last Friday.

Secretary Long to-day approved the majority report respecting the battleries of the live battleships for which contracts were recently let. Consequently these vessels will have superimposed turrets, and 8-inch guns in waist batteries, supplemented by 6-inch and lighter caliber rapid-fire guns.

FATAL COLLISION.

One Man Killed and Seven Persons Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 6.—A fatal
collision occurred on the Ontario and
Western Railroad at Hurleyville, Sullican county, to-day. Howard R. Schoffeld of Fishkill Landing, a traveling sales-man, died from inhalation of steam und

Seven passengers were injured.

ACOSTA CAPTURED.

Chief of Revolutionary Movement

Prisoner.
(By Associated Press.)
CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Feb. 6.—Via Haytien cable.—General Julian Acosta, chief of the revolutionary movement in the Carupano district, is a prisoner in the hands of the Government dorces.

HEROISM AT FRONT KOYAL.

Young Lady and Young Man Saved from Drowning While Skating,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FRONT ROYAL, VA., Feb. 6 .- On the Shenandoah River, af Riverton, near here yesterday, a young man from the Randolph Macon Academy and Miss Bessie Morgan were skating and the ice Bessie Morgan were skating and the regave away precipitating them in the water, perhaps twelve feet deep. They struggled in the broken ice and water, but could not get out. Prof. Messick, of the Randolph Macon Academy, came to their assistance and held Miss Morgan sufficiently out of the water to save her from drowning. The young man, whose name is Payne are out and it was chourt name is Payne, got out and it was about ten minutes before they succeeded in get-ting Miss Morgan out of the water in an unconscicus condition, and it is feared she will be ill from the shock. Prof. Messick, who is from Maryland, is the cap-tain of the Randelph Macon Academy football team, and quite an athlete. His action in the accident is said to have been quite heroic, and if it had not been for his nerve and strength, certainly both Mr. Payne and Miss Morgan would have drowned.

TO PROSECUTE WHITE-CAPPERS

Senator Claytor Left Last Night for Bedford-History of the Trouble.

State Senator Graham Claytor, the Commonwealth's Attorney of Bedford, returned from that county yesterday. He went home to represent the State in the preliminary examination of the cases or the alleged "white-cappers." The hearing was postponed until to-day. Mr. Claytor was postponed until to-day. Mr. Claytor returned to Bedford City last night.

The Senator states that there have been some fifteen or twenty arrests made. The accused persons are, as a rule, men of high standing. They are all out on bail.

Mr. Claytor said he did not know what evidence Detective Hatcher had secured against the gentlemen under arrest.

The Bedford "white-capping" story dates back several months. It had its beginning after a criminal assault was committed

after a criminal assault was committed upon a white girl. A party was organized to try and ascertain the name of the offender. These people treated an old negro man rather roughly with a view to mak-ing him tell anything he might know about the crime. The old man's case was investigated by the grand jury, but he was unable to give the name of, or to

identify any one, who was in the party.

Lately Mr. Joplins, the agent at Goode's
Statton, and a justice of the peace, who
investigated the old negro's case, was investigated the old negro's case, was treated badly by the white-cappers. The grand jury also investigated has case, but he could not furnish any information upon which to base an indictment.

Mr. Claytor is determined to probe the matter to the bottom, and if any evidence of the guilt of the accused parties is furnished him, the cases will be vigorously prosecuted.

THE ASTRONOMERS OFF.

The United States Observers Start for Sumatra to Take the Eclipse. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Feb. 6.-The Leander McCormick Observatory will The Leanuer McCorinack Observatory will be represented in the Government cellipse expedition to Sumatra by Mr. Heber D. Curtis, fellow in astronomy. Mr. Curtis is from Detrot. Mich., and is a master of arts of the University of Michigan.

The Government party will pass through Charlottesville to-morrow, en route for Charlottesville to-morrow, en route for San Francisco and the East Indies. Prof. A. N. Skinner; of the United States Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C., wile be in charge.

The eclipse will take place on May 17th.

The duration of totality will be exceptionally long—more than six minutes.

THE SENATE HELD A NIGHT SESSION

Attempt to Force Issue on Subsidy Measure.

TWO BILLS PASSED

War Revenue Reduction and Military Academy Acts Disposed Of.

THE SHIPPING BILL DENOUNCED.

Mr. Jones Declared That the Holding of Night Sessions Was a Deliberate Attempt to Break Down Opposition Senators Physically. Postal Bill.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-Two important measures were disposed of by the Senate to-day, the military academy, appropriation bill and the war revenue reduction measure. The former was under consideration less than an hour. The only change made in it was the strengthening of the provision against hazing at West Point.

During the remainder of the afternoon session the war revenue reduction bill was before the Senate. The Finance Committee's amendments, levving a tax on transactions in so-called "bucket-shops," modifying the tax upon cigars and cigarettes, and providing for a rebate on unbroken packages of tobacco, in addition to several others of a minor character, were adopted.

were adopted.

An amendment substituting an income tax for the war revenue measure, offered by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, was rejected by a party vote—21 to 38. THE REDUCTION.

Mr. Aldrich explained that the reductions of the revenues made by the bill would amount to \$39,860,000, exclusive would amount to \$35,890,000, excusate of the effect of the new amendment for taxing "bucket-shops in the United States would pay \$400, the Government would derive \$10,000,000 from that source. An amendment was agreed to providing that the tax on new banks shall be computed from the time the institutions begin

An amendment reducing the tax on bank checks from two cents to one cent was defeated—18 to 42. An amendment pro viding that the In-ternal Revenue Commissioner should place the stamps, provided for in the bill, on sale at the postoffices of the country, was

Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, moved to eliminate from the bill the proposed exemp-tion from taxation of telegraph and tele-phone messages. The motion was re-jected—15 to 35. The bill then passed without division.

Mr. Aldrich then moved that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock to-night, and Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, moved to adjourn The vote on Mr. Jones' motion resulted, 15 ayes to 36 noes. Mr. Aldrich's motion then prevailed without division, and a recess was taken at 5:45 P. M. until 8 NIGHT SESSION.

When the Senate reconvened at 8 o'clock, Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, remarked: "By actual count there are just 12 Republican Senators present. I suggest the absence of a quorum." At that time eleven Democratic Senators were present. Senators hurried in, but on roll call only 42 responded. Mr. Frye demanded that the roll of absent Senators be called, and other Senators entered, including Mr. Hanna, who had risen from

Finally the chair announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Frye then called up the shipping bill, and it was laid be-

fore the Senate.

Mr. Jones declared that the night sesand some sectare that the fight sessions involved a deliberate purpose to break down opposition Senators physically and prevent the passage of the appropriation bills. The shipping bill, he appropriation bills. The shipping bill, he seserted, was the most perfectly detestable measure presented to the Senate for years. "So help me high heaven," be shouted, "if you will have night sessions, you must have a quorum here all the time, as we do not propose to contribute in any way to a tyrannical effort to suppress free speech by brute force."

CHARGE FILIBUSTERING. Mr. Aldrich replied that no appropria-tion bills were pending. All that was usked, he said, was that, after full and free discussion, a vote be taken. threat of the Senator from Arkansas is that for the fourth time in our history the minority proposes to kill a bill by filibustering.

Mr. Teller would be willing, he said, to attend night sessions or a long day session to consider legislation for the Philip-

Mr. Jones characterized the bill as a "jimmy" for breaking into the United States Treasury.
Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, resented the

statement that the opponents of the shipstatement that the appoints of the sup-ping bill were employing any but fair and proper methods in opposing the bill. He suggested to Mr. Spooner that he call up the Spooner bill. The Wesconsin Senator replied that he was not in charge of it. Mr. Teller said the President now had

ower to establish civil government in the Philippines. "No ruler," he declared, "has such unlimited power, unless it be the Czar of Russia, or perhaps the Sultan of Mr. Chandler said that as notice had

been given that the bill would be de-feated by filibustering the only thing for the majority to do was to accept the challenge.
In a vigorous speech Mr. Clay dis-claimed any intention of fillbustering, but he demanded fair and full opportunity to

discuss the measure.

Mr. Tillman said that it was nearly time "the ring-master of this circus to dismiss us."
On motion of Mr. Frye the Senate at 11 o'clock adjourned.

In the House. (By Associated Press.)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 6.—Debate
on the postoffice appropriation bill consumed another day in the House. Chairman Loud, of the postoffice committee,
discursed the subjects investigated by it. The remainder of the time was occupied in debate upon three subjects, pneumatic tube service, special mail facilities and railway mail pay.

Mr. Burke, of Texas, and Mr. Williams,

special facilities between Kansas and Newton, Kas. It was agreed before ad-journment to-day that debate should close to-morrow at 12:30 P. M., when the votes should be taken upon the several amendments which are pending. At 5:25 the House adjourned.

TROOPS FOR KITCHENER.

Thirty Thousand Mounted Men to Be Dispatched from England.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 6.—The following announcement has been issued by the War

"In view of the recent Boer activity in "In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions the Government has decided, in addition to the large forces recently equipped locally in South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 20,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. Recruiting for the Imperial Yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated ten thousand will shortly be available.

"The remainder of the force will be made up of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establishment. The

made up of cavalry and mounted intantry from the home establishment. The enlistment of volunteers to replace those who have already served a year in South Africa is also being proceeded with. Arrangements have been made for the prompt equipment and transportation of the force. The first consignment will leave on the Aurania February 8th."

LACK INITIATIVE.

General Buller Criticises Subordinate Officers.

Officers,

(By Associated Pres.)

LONDON, Feb. 6.—In a memorandum issued to the troops under his command, at Aldershot, General Buller, referring to the British army in South Africa, criticises the lack of initiative and independence of action shown by subordinate commanders, and refers to the intelligent action on the part of the rank and file. As regards artillery, he says, too much drill was introduced on the battlefield, in many cases the action of the batteries being paralyzed by awaiting the orders of a brigade or division commander, many favorable opportunities being thereby favorable opportunities being thereby

The War Office has notified the Yeo-manry recruiting stations that it is de-sired to enroll additional 5,000 Yeomanry.

Several Missing.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 6.—A party of Imperial Yeomanry came into contact with the invaders near Prince Albert, Cape olony, and an officer and some men are missing.

The Gazette announces that General Brabant has been appointed to the com-mand of the forces being raised for the defense of Cape Colony.

Urge Surrender.

(By Associated Press.)
CAPE TOWN, Feb. 6.—The Bond leaders strongly urge the Boers to surrender, provided those in the field are allowed the following terms—namely: That after giving up arms, all shall be allowed to return to their farms and the rebels shall not be punished.

Appeal for Surrender,

(By Associated Press.)
BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday, Feb. 5.—
The Post to-tay publishes a passionate appeal from Piet Dewet, chairman of the Peace Commission, to his brother, Christian, to surrender. Kitchener Reports.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 6.—General Kitchener, in
Gispatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, February 5th, says; "Smith-Dorrien has occupied Lake

"French is driving back the enemy to

Amsterdam.
"Dewet's force is still north of Thaba
N'Chu, his men damaging a train of
transport wagons at Pompey's Siding this

ROYAL WEDDING.

The Queen of Holland Becomes a Bride To-Day.

(By Associated Press.) THE HAGUE, Feb. 6 .- Flfty workmen' societies with tunds of music, and five riumphal cars, marched past the palace his afternoon in honor of the approach this afternoon in honor of the approaching marriage of Queen Wilhelmina. Th Queen and her future husband, Duke Henry, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, re-

The civil marriage will occur in th presence of the near relatives at the palace at 11:30 A. M. to-morrow. The Royal party will proceed to the church in procession and after the religious marriage will return to the palace when the will hold court and receive con

Dentists for the Army. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Surgeon-Gene-

ral Sternberg has arranged for the im-mediate appointment of thirty contract dental surgeons for service in the army.

THE GIANT DEAL **ACCOMPLISHED**

Harmony Through Community of Ownership in Manufacture

of Steel Products. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.-The Mail and Express and the Evening Post to-day nnounce the sale of the Carnegie stock o the J. P. Morgan syndicate as an acto the J. P. Morgan syndicate complished fact.

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"The only hitch that occurred in the negotiations leading up to the transfer of the control of the Carnegie Company was in relation to the control of the bonds held by Mr. Carnegie. The Morgan syndicate eigreed yesterday to take the \$86,379,000 stock at something above its market value, but Mr. Carnegie held out with his usual tenacity of purpose for a guarantee of the 5 per cent. income on his \$88,000,000 of fifty-year bonds. This was \$86,000,000 of fifty-year bonds. This was also conceded at a meeting held to-day, it is understood.

"There will be no consolidation, but

There was be a consultation, but harmony through community of interests and ownership will be applied in the manufacture of steel products of all kinds.
"The Carnegle Company, with its vast supplies of coal and iron close at hand.

will be the parent company to produce the raw material for the various corpora-tions manufacturing steel products, and the economist methods can be introduced through harmony which will make it possible for the great industrial corpora-tions to manufacture goods so cheap as Mr. Burke, of Texas, and Mr. Whitains, of Mississippi, opposed the appropriation for special mail facilities.

Ms. Swanson, of Virginia, defended the appropriation and Mr. Cowherd, of Mississippi, championed the appropriation for world."

GREAT FIGHT TO COME UP TO-DAY

Submission Amendment May be Withdrawn.

SALEOFR.F. & P. STOCK

The Senate Finance Committee Considers the Subject-

SENATOR FLOOD HAS RESIGNED.

Gives Up the Commonwealth's Attor. neyship-Mr. Saunders and the Contest for Judge Whittle's Old Place-A Column of

Notes of Legislative News.

The great fight of the present session of the General Assembly will begin today if Senator Glass, of Lynchburg, does not withdrawn his amendment to the Constitutional Convention bill providing that the formulated Constitution shall be submitted to the people for ratification,

The amendment provides that only the

persons qualified to vote under the terms

of the new Constitution shall vote on the question of ratification. It is this feature of the amendment that provokes most serious opposition. A Southside Senator said last night he would make a determined fight against such an amendment. Another senator, who has all along been most prominent in the struggle for constitutional reform, also declared he would oppose the amend-

anso accuared ne would oppose the amend-ment. There appears every reason to be-lieve it will be defeated.

The constitutions framed by the con-vention of 1829-30, and by the convention of 1850 were submitted to the people for ratification, but only the voters qualified under the proposed constitutions were allowed to vote on it.

"It would be absurd to talk about sub mitting to a vote of all the people a con-stitution which disfranchised a third of them," exclaimed Senator D. Q. Eggleston, in beginning a speech, which an early adjournment yesterday prevented his fin-ishing. The view of the Charlotte Senator seems to be that of Senator Glass and tor seems to be that of Senator Glass and those who back him in offering the amendment which he will present to-day. The majority of the legislators do not forget that it is the opinion of a majority of the best lawyers that the constitution may be proclaimed by the convention without ever being submitted. The following is the declaration of the Democratic of the Democratic contents of the Democr

without ever being submitted. The following is the declaration of the Democratic State Convention at Norfolk regarding the subject:

* * "When such constitution shall have been framed it shall be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification or rejection, and the Democratic party pleading that the averages incident to a piedges that the expenses incident to a constitutional convention shall be kept down to the lowest possible figure."

Hon. Hal. D. Flood, member of the Sen ate from Appomattox, sent in his resignaate from Appointation, sent in his resigna-tion yesterday as Commonwealth's Attor-ney of that county. The resignation was sent to the judge of the County Court. That official will appoint Mr. Samuel Fer-gusson to the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Flood.

Mr. Flood, who' is Congressman-elect from the Tenth District, will take his seat on the 4th of March, if an extra session of Congress be called. He will re-sign from the Senate in that case, but not until after the end of the present session Mr. Flood's friends can only hope that his career in the National House of Representatives may be as useful as his career in the State Senate.

Speaker E. W. Saunders, who only announced his candidacy for judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit on Tuesday night, is receiving the most flattering endorsements from members of the bar through-out the circuit. Upon his return here from Franklin Court, Tuesday evening, he found a large stock of letters from promi-nent lawyers in the circuit, assuring him of their support should be decide to run. gratulations.

A gala luncheon will follow and at 4:15

P. M. the couple will depart on their of Franklin solid. He has the support of a large majority of the bar of Pittsylvania and a number of strong lawyers in Dan-ville, Patrick, Lynchburg and other sections of the circuit have written him ten-dering their assistance. He has made no effort in this line, and is very proud of the flattering assurances that have come to him unsolicited. The Speaker is sure he will be the nominee of the caucus, and that he is the choice of a majority of the lawyers of the circuit.

Every Senator and delegate found on his desk yesterday "a Memorial to the General Assembly of Virginia from the city of Danville, Va., presented through the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, with the request that it be read from the

clerks' desks." The memorial prays the General Assembly to enact such legislation as may be necessary to the prevention of discrimination by the Southern Railway in crimination by the Southern Railway in rates against Danville. The memorial avers that Danville merchants cannot now get the freight rates which are given those of Richmond and Lynchburg. It is asked that the General Assembly remact section 1208 of the Code of 1887 and give to the Citzens of Danville a remedy in the courts of the State against the alleged resonance of which they commain.

leged wrongs of which they complain.

The petition is signed by the following
The city of Danville, Va., by Rober
Prydon, clerk of Council; the Lusines Men's Association, by Jno. W. Carter Danville Tobacco Association, by O. Wemple, president, and a large number of business men.

Ti ere was much comment upon the fact that the memorial was not forwarded to the Senator and delegates re-

A lively debate is liable to take place in the Legislature over a bill which will be presented in the House to-day, the objects of which are not now printed, at the request of the patron. The bill, while general in its nature and one that will stir up great opposition, is yet held to be of, sweeping importance to the State, and its patron is one of the gamest fighters in the General Assembly. Its fate will be watched with much interest by the people, as it is upon a subject that has been a live issue in Virginia for the past three or four years.

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the people, as it is upon a subject that has been a live issue in Virginia for the past three or four years.

Messrs. Matthews and Nottingham are among the most watchful members of the P. M.

A Dutch warship fired a Royal salute. Emperor William was greeted here by Rear-Admiral Van Wananing, representing the Dutch Government. His Majesty left Flushing by special train at 5:55.

House of Delegates, and are always on the alert to do something for their constituents. They were quick last night to have the bill presented to the Fish and Game and Chesapeake and Tributaries Committee by the Oyster Planters' Association to protect seed oysters in James River, so amended as to embrace the eastern or ocean side of Accomac and Northumberland counties. They are never so watchful as when legislation relating to the bivalve is up for consideration.

The House Committee on Courts of Jus-The House Committee on Courts of Justice, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, favorably reported a bill offered by Mr. Lambert to impose a fine on persons for expectorating in churches and other public places. A favorable report was also ordered on Mr. Toney's bill regulating the number of pounds of flour to be placed in a barrel.

The Committee on Asylums and Prisons met and favorably reported the Senate joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to look into the question of relieving the crowded condition in the penitentiary. The resolution was so amended as to provide that there should be no more expense attached to the work than was actually necessary, and also instructing the commission to consider what was best to do with the convict labor in the event of the passage of the bill by Congress breaking up competition between convict and free labor.

The House Committee on General Laws met yesterday afternoon and made an adverse report on the bill presented by Mr. Madison, to amend the charter of the Newport News Light and Water Company. There were several speeches made for and against the measure, and the committee decided that it was a fight between the water companys and they decided that it was a fight between the water companys and they decided that it was a fight between the water companys and they decided that it was a fight between the water companys and they detween two water companies, and they dedined to have anything to do with it.

The Committee on Roads, of the House, held a brief session, but transacted no business of importance.

The House and Senite Committees on Agriculture and Mining met jointly yesterday afternoon and reported favorably a bill drawn by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose, to provide for the protection of the forestry of the State.

Major John T. Cowan, member of the House from Montgomery, who has been confined to his room by six ness for several days, was able to be in his seat on yesterday. He is not entirely well, but his condition is very much improved.

Dr. J. Fulton Williams, of Nelson county, a prominent young physician and Democratic politician, is spending a few days with his friend and representative, Hon. A. B. Fitzpatrick, The General Assembly will probably adjourn about next Wednesday. There seems no reason for remaining longer in session, as it is plactically assured that all arrangements for the Constitutional Convention will have been made by that

Postmasters Appointed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Post-masters appointed: masters appointed;
Virginia-Grizzle, Dickenson county,
W. F. Grizzle, vice N. R. Grizzle, resigned; Ibez, Dickenson county, Sarah
Adkins, vice H. H. Dingus, resigned;
Tacoma, Wise county, J. M. Kenfro,

Tacoma, Wise county, J. J. Reinter, vice Belle Blair, removed.
North Carolina—Leading, Cabarrus county, J. W. Stalling, Jr., vice M. E. Herrin, removed; Richfield, Stanley county, J. D. Earnhardt, vice G. G. Ritchie, removed.
Postoffices established: Virginia—Pollard, Amelia aunty, Sallie T. Pollard, postmas—

Amelia county, Sallie T. Pollard, postmas ter.

North Carolina-Intelligence, Rocking-ham county, James M. Sharp, postmas-ter; Stantonsburg, Wilson county, Chas. S. Whitley, postmaster; Thomas, Samp-son county, Thomas J. Newsome, post-

The Incident Closed.

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, Feb. 6.—The incident caused by the withdrawal of the exequatur of the Consul of the Netherlands. at Lorenzo Marques, Herr Potts, is closed. The Netherlands Minister will

THE SHERIFF ASKS FOR PROTECTION

Troops Ordered Out by the Governor to Insure Safety to Prisoner.

Sheriff E. M. Jones, of Nottoway county, has appealed to Governor Tyler for military protection for his prisoner, Willie Wilson, accused of attempting as sault, and troops have been ordered out. Company C, Guard of the Commonwealth, Captain Snackelford commanding, has been ordered to proceed to Peters-burg this morning and act as escort to

Sheriff Jones and his prisoner from that point to Nottoway Court-House, where Wilson's trial is set for to-day. Orders were issued last night for the troops to be in readiness and the regimen-tal armory presented a busy scene until late, General Nallo and Col. Anderson personally directing the preparations. The company will be composed of four officers and sixty men. They will carry sixty rounds of ammunition. The troops will accompany Sheriff Jones

from Richmond to Petersburg, leaving this city at 9 o'clock this morning, going in a special car. At Petersburg, the prisoner, Willie Wilson, whose life was threatened by would-be lynchers at Elackstone last Saturday, will be removed from the jail there. The sheriff and his prisoner will then proceed under es-cort over the Norfolk and Western to

Notionay court-house, where Wilson will be placed on trial to-day. Wilson is the negro who attempted an assault on Mrs. W. T. Watkins, near Biackstone, last week. He was captured mear Nottoway, and the temper of the people was such that he was removed to Petersburg for safe keeping. While passing turough Biackstone, the train was stopped and searched by infuriated citizens. Sheriff Jones and his prisoner had a compartment of the Pullman car and thus escaped.

Sheriff Jones does not anticipate any

trouble, but thinks that precaution should be taken. He explained to the Governor at last night's conference that should the verdict prove favorable to the people, he could see no trouble, but feared for the consequences if the jury should not con-vict the negro.

Royal Salute Fired, (By Associated Press.)

FLUSHING, Feb. 6.—The Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with Emperor William and his suite on board, arrived here at 1:40

Steamer Was Discussed

Fish and oysters and the ovster navv got in the race with the Constitutional Convention yesterday and trotted it a

A large delegation of oyster planters were in Richmond to lodge their compiaints with the law-makers and to seek

engthy sessions, heard the oystermen, gave approval to the general objects of their bill adopted at a conference held in West Point Tuesday night, and referred the planters to the Senate Committee on Fish and Game and the House Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries. These legislative bodies met jointly at night, heard the oyster men and postponed ac-

All the members of the Board of Fisheries were present, as follows: Dr. Frank Fl. ther, president; Capt. Seth Miller, secretary; Capt. John A. Curtis, Senator George B. Keezell and Hon. Pembroke

or West Point; Mr. Schar, Capiain Armond, of Almond's, Gloucester county; J. C. Robinson, of Hampton; Frank Lewis, of Litt Walton; B. L. Farinholt, Thomas B. Smith, of Cheriton; Dr. J. L. Wilkins and Captain J. H. Castor, of Accomac

their grievances, of a need of a resurvey, and of the necessity of protecting the seed oysters.

The Board after hearing what Colonel

West Point, on Tuesday night.

Colonel Farinholt was the first speaker in behalf of the measure. He pointed out the necessity for the legislation asked, and said he had never attended a gathering where those present were more harmonious and enthusiastic in their action that the oyster planters who met at West Poin and recommended the bill which he was the statement of the waster that the statement of the point of the property of the statement of the point of the p here to advocate. He said his people were not wedded to details, but they needed this relief and were willing that the committee

removal and punishment. The Speaker discussed the bill section by section, and asked the committee to perfect the bil and recommend its passage, as it was im-

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-Troops ordered to Petersburg to escort the negro Wilson to Nottoway. -Oystermen lay their grievances before Board of Fisheries and legislative com-

—House and Senate not exactly size of Constitutional Convention.

—Big fight to be made over question of submitting Constitution to popular vote —Penitentiary enlargement not to be pressed at this session.

—Rev. Mr. Steed declines position as city missionary.

—Question of jurisdiction raised in the Kueler Syndicate receivership.

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-The Jones fair and racing bill to be

State.

The Newport News grand jury return six indictments for bribery and dishonesty in municipal contracts.

—Well-known man in James City county found in the road with his neck broken.

—The Lynchburg banks prepare to resist Judge Waddill's decision.

—Newport News ministers decline to arbitrate their differences.

General.

-Senate held night session to consider subsidy bill.

-Military Academy and war revenue reduction bills were passed.

-House consumed another day discussing postoffice appropriations.

-The glant steel deal an accomplished fact.

-Report of Construction Board for superimposed turrets on new battleships approved. Foreign.

-Ministers demand death penalty for guitty Chinese. -Thirty thousand mounted troops are to relinforce Kitchener. -Mr. Kruger's right eye successfully operated on.

OYSTERS WERE A LIVELY TOPIC

They Were Eaten and Afterwards Talked About.

THE FISH BOARD MET.

A Number of Tidewater Gentlemen Stated Their Grievances.

THEIR BILL WAS CONSIDERED.

Legislative Committees Met in Joint Session, but Postponed Action Until To-Day-The Matter of sale of Chesareake and the Purchase of a Modern

lively heat.

The State Board of Fisheries held two

tion on their bill until to-day. BOARD OF FISHERIES.

Among the oystermen in attendance were the following: Messrs. W. E. Block, of Battery Park, Isle of Wight county; D. M. Nelson, Charles A. Ayers, Ashton Fletcher, James H. Mears, of Accomac county; J. L. Mulford, B. W. Hefferon, Dr. Richardson, George W. Richardson, of West Point; Mr. Scharf, Captain Al-

county.

Colonel Farinholt, a former citizen of Tidewater Virginia, and now a resident of Ealthmore, acted as the principal spokesman for the oystermen. He told of

Farinholt and others had to say, gave its approval to the main objects of the bill, but not having time to examine into the details of the measure referred it to the legislative committees. NIGHT SESSION. NIGHT SESSION.

The Board was in session at night until 11:30 o'clock. Much routine business was disposed of and there was considerable discussion with reference to selling the steamer Chesapeake, the flagship of the oyster navy, and purchasing a modern vessel. No decision was reached in this matter. The trouble was the lack of funds. The Chesapeake would sell for \$3,600, or \$3,500, but a few thousand dollars additional would have to be raised to se-

additional would have to be raised to se cure such a vessel as is needed. board adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock

morning to further consider this and other matters. Before the Legislative Committee. The Senate Committee on Fish and Game and the House Committee on Chesa-peake and its Tributaries held a joint meeting in the Senate Chamber last night to consider the bill recommended by the Virginia Oyster Planters' Association, at

should perfect the measure.

Col. Farinholt said it was a sad fact that some of the oyster inspectors of the State were in collusion with those violat-ing the law, and the bill provided for theh

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

—House and Senate not agreed as to

Two churches want Rev. Mr. Lingle